

## **City of Durham Teen Center**

### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Teen Center has established a Code of Conduct and expects teens to treat each other with dignity and respect. Specific behaviors that are prohibited include:

- NO WEAPONS
- NO ALCOHOL
- NO DRUGS
- NO TOBACCO
- NO PROFANITY
- NO FIGHTING
- NO SAGGING
- NO LOITERING OUTSIDE BUILDING

#### **Weapons and Other Dangerous Instruments**

In order to ensure the health and safety of teens and staff, the City of Durham strictly prohibits guns, other weapons, and alcohol on city property. Anyone who brings, possesses, or encourages someone else to bring a weapon onto city property will be reported to law enforcement authorities. Weapons (including but not necessarily limited to guns, pistols, ; knives of any kind regardless of size; pepper spray; electric shock devices; are prohibited.

#### **Use of Tobacco Products**

Teens may not possess, display or use any tobacco product at any time on the premises or while participating in Teen Center sponsored events.

#### **Prohibition of Gangs and Gang Activities**

No teen shall commit any act which furthers gangs or gang-related activities. Conduct prohibited includes:

- Wearing possessing or displaying or distributing any clothing, jewelry, symbols or other items which may be evidence of membership in any gang;
- Communicating verbally, or non-verbally to convey membership in a gang
- Defacing or tagging city or personal property with gang-related symbols or slogans;
- Soliciting others for gang membership

#### **Computer Misuse**

Teen Center staff expects that teens will use computers abiding by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. They may not send or display offensive or vulgar messages or pictures; use obscene language; damage computers or software or use the city network for commercial purposes.

**Teens are expected to comply with the Code of Conduct standards established by Teen Center staff.**

**Anyone who disrupts Teen Center operations, damages Teen Center property or poses a risk to other participants, staff, or the Teen Center may be asked to leave city property. Staff has the authority to prohibit such persons from attending future events or coming on property.**